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REMARKS

The Examiner indicated that the most recent Response submitted by the Applicants was non-compliant due to some errors in the way the claims were presented in view of the rules relating to the format of claims in Reissue Applications. The Applicants submit that it has corrected these minor informalities above.

On or about July 26, 2005, the Examiner and the Applicants also discussed certain independent claims in view of the cited prior art during a telephone conference. Specifically, the Examiner and the Applicants discussed independent claims 1, 9, 35, and 36 and the Ford reference. The Examiner and the Applicants agreed upon language, which rendered the discussed claims allowable over the art of record. No models or physical samples were shown or discussed.

On or about May 25, 2006, the Examiner and the undersigned had another telephone conversation where various items were discussed. Initially, the Examiner informed the undersigned that the term "member" in claims 5 and 13 needed to be changed to "mean" to provide proper antecedent basis. Further, the Examiner required the Applicants to insert a sentence in the specification regarding the claimed approximately six feet and eight feet limitations. Additionally, the Examiner required the Applicants to insert a comma after the word ball in claim 53.

Finally, the Examiner required a supplemental oath/declaration indicating that every error in the patent which was corrected in the present reissue application, and which is not covered by the prior oath and/or declaration submitted in this application, arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the application. Such a supplemental declaration is being submitted herewith. No prior art was discussed and no models or physical samples were discussed.

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Conclusion:

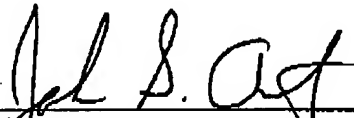
It is submitted that all claims currently pending in the above-identified application are in a condition for allowance. A notice of allowance is therefore earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner should have any questions, he is urged to contact the undersigned at 248-223-9500.

Please charge any fees required in the filing of this amendment to Deposit Account 50-0476.

Respectfully Submitted

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